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Section 5 Council

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Important Dates

- ◆ Sunday, October 3
Block Party
(See Page 2 for details.)
- ◆ Friday, October 8
Deadline for Section's Free
Tree Program
- ◆ Tuesday, October 12
October Council Meeting at
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- ◆ Monday, October 18
First Fall Leaf Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, November 9
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at the Village Hall

Town Council Update - Town of Chevy Chase 4-H Center Sale Information

Section 5 is closely monitoring the sale of the 4-H Center. On September 9, the Town of Chevy Chase held a zoom meeting with the developers, Gallery Living and Community Three. Much of the meeting was spent on introductions and getting a better understanding of their past projects in the area. One recent project by Gallery Living is the Lauren apartment complex in Bethesda.

The developer indicated the site will be a senior living community. It will be a mix of independent, assisted living, and memory care. The minimum age to live there will be 55. All the units will be rentals.

Construction is likely three years away.

For the rest of the year, there will continue to be a number of zoom meetings for the community to get to know the developers and vice versa. They expect to close on the property by the end of the year. It will then take several years to go through the "entitlement" process, which is the process of the developer working with the community, the Town, and the County to make a collaborative design. Their goal is to make it a win for all.

They noted there are no set plans yet. Therefore, they do not have information as to how many units there will be, or the height of the building. They also do not have any access or egress information as it relates to the site. It is not yet clear if they will use any of the existing structure or not. They are aware and will adhere to stormwater and tree protection as dictated by the Town and County. There will likely be underground parking. Other amenities may also be available to the community such as performance auditoriums, coffee shops, and florists. They stressed this is just the beginning. It will be a long process.

NEW TO SECTION 5?

If you are new to Section 5, welcome! We would love to greet you properly, and make sure you have all the information you need regarding Section services and events. Please take a minute to email the Town Manager at manager@chevychase5.org

Section 5's Annual Block Party

Join us for Section 5's Annual Block Party.

Date: Sunday, October 3

Location: Underwood Street
(between Dalkeith Street and Thornapple Place)

Time: 4:30 - 7 p.m.

(Dinner served from 5 - 6:30 p.m.)

We'll have slides, rides, music, ice cream trucks, and more! Food is catered by Uncle Julio's.

Please email your RSVP to the Town Manager: manager@chevychasection5.org so we will have a general headcount for food. However, if you find you are available and have not RSVP'd, please come anyway. The more the merrier!

Fall Leaf Vacuuming Begins October 18

Leaf vacuuming occurs on Mondays starting on October 18 with the final collection in mid-December.

- ✦ Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb, not in the street.
- ✦ Please do not place leaves in bags. Take care that limbs, rocks, and any other heavy objects are removed.
- ✦ If it rains on our regular vacuuming day, leaves will not be vacuumed that day.
- ✦ If there is a heavy rainstorm, it will take at least two days for the wet leaves to dry sufficiently for vacuuming. Wet leaves clog the vacuuming machine.
- ✦ Vacuuming will start on Williams Lane. Residents on Williams are asked to park their cars in their driveways or off the street when possible. The narrowness of the street makes it difficult for the leaf machine to pass otherwise.

Free Tree Program 2021

Section 5 will once again offer residents free trees this year to be planted in their private gardens. The Section will plant either small trees such as Redbud or Dogwood, or large trees such as Red Maple or Oak, depending on an owner's preference. The Section arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, will assist in choosing and siting the tree. The Section will pay for both the cost of the tree and its planting. The only cost to you will be to water it. The Section will also provide gator bags to assist in watering. The bags help to slowly and evenly deliver a high volume of water directly to the root system of a newly planted tree or shrub with no run-off or evaporation.

The deadline to request a tree is Friday, October 8.

The trees will be planted in November. Please email the Town Manager if you are interested in obtaining a tree.

Possible Incidents Involving USPS Boxes

Section 5 has been informed by two different residents of recent instances where mailed checks appear to have been intercepted, altered, and cashed. In both cases, the checks had been dropped in a neighborhood USPS collection box. Both residents filed a report with Montgomery County Police.

To be clear, the checks could have been intercepted at another point in the mail process, but the Section wanted to make residents aware of the issue and urge you to double check any recent mailed payments you may have made.

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Building Permit Notices

Building Permits Issued:

- ◆ 7107 Brookville Road - Re-surface driveway and edge with granite cobble, and install a permeable paver parking area - Permit Approved
- ◆ 7301 Connecticut Avenue - Install a fence and gate - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3801 Thornapple Street - Repair an existing fence - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3801 Underwood Street - Install a miniature art gallery in their private yard - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3704 Woodbine Street - Repair driveway - Permit Approved

Tree Permit Removals

- ◆ 3515 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3518 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3705 Underwood Street - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3705 Woodbine Street - Private Tree Removal

Please Do Not Allow Bushes or Shrubbery to Grow into the Sidewalk and Right-of-Way

Please take a minute to walk around your property and ensure that all public sidewalks surrounding your property are clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes, and vines. Additionally, please be certain shrubbery does not block sight lines for vehicles. Shrubs growing into the right-of-way make it especially hard for families with strollers that require a full path for passing. Please make Section 5 pedestrian-safe for all.

For concerns regarding Town trees in the right-of-way, please contact the Town Manager.

Do I Need a Section 5 Permit?

- The majority of renovations
- Sheds or accessory buildings
- Fences - including replacements and/or substantial repairs
- Driveway projects
- Patio projects
- Right-of-way projects
- Dumpsters or PODS
- Drainage projects including sump pumps and new downspouts

ALL REQUIRE A PERMIT

Looking to take out a tree? Most public and private tree removal also REQUIRES a permit.

Please contact the Town office before you begin. We will work with you to make sure you have the necessary information and avoid a costly mishap.



School Bus Safety

With school back in session and multiple school bus stops on Brookville Road, please remember these important tips for safely sharing the road with a school bus:

- ✦ When driving behind a school bus, make sure to allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind another car. This will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights begin to flash.
- ✦ If yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended, you must stop.
- ✦ Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if it is stopped to load or unload children. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- ✦ Make sure you've stopped far back enough to allow children to safely enter and exit the bus. The ten foot area surrounding a bus is the most dangerous for children.
- ✦ Pay attention; children can be unpredictable.



Pedestrian Crosswalk on Connecticut Avenue

Several Section residents have voiced concerns about cars not stopping for the stoplight signal at the pedestrian crosswalk on Connecticut Avenue, between Williams and Woodbine.

Since Connecticut Avenue is a state road, Section 5 has requested that the State Highway Administration address the issue. We have asked about the possibilities of additional signage, a red light camera, or other possible enforcement methods. The Section will keep residents updated on their response.

As a reminder, when crossing, be certain to look both ways before stepping into the street. If you see a car driving fast, do not step into the street until they completely stop. Drivers and pedestrians should always make eye contact. One should never assume that all cars will stop.

Leaf Blower Reminder

Just a reminder about leaf blowers. Please be courteous and thoughtfully choose your work hours. As you clear leaves from your property, please take care that you are not transferring them to your neighbors. If you have a lawn service that handles your leaves, please make sure they are also aware.

Section 3 Famers' Market

Fall is a great time to visit the Section 3 Farmers' Market! It is held every Saturday on Taylor Street (near the Brookville intersection) from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parking is available at La Ferme restaurant.

Stop in for farm fresh eggs, delicious organic vegetables, and fruit. Some weeks, there will be a Food Truck serving breakfast!